

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 20 have been pending. Claims 4, 16, and 17 are being canceled. Claims 3 and 6 are being amended.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 3 – 6 and 14 – 20 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner has pointed out that the phrase “and with the proviso that said anion is organic or fluoroorganic when said cation is metal” is redundant and confusing in claims 3 – 6 and 14 – 20 because the amended claims do not have a metal cation. Applicants have therefore amended the claims to remove the objectionable language. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 4, 16, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,766,123 (“Burnie”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,968,066 (“Mueller”).

Claims 4, 16, and 17 have been canceled. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank Examiner Yoon for indicating that claims 1, 2, and 7 – 13 are allowed. As shown in the amendments above, the clarity issue in claims 3 – 6 and 14 – 20 has been addressed. There are no prior art rejections with respect to these claims. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 3 – 6 and 14 – 20 are also in condition for allowance.

**Concluding Remarks**

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of Applicants’ claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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